(b) how many such elderly people have been benefited from these schemes in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up an agency in the State to save such sections of the society from the pitiable and miserable condition living in far-flung areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No new schemes have been introduced for the benefit of the elderly people during 1999. However, there are two ongoing schemes for the welfare of older persons being administered by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment viz., (i) Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Volntary Organizations/Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Home/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons; and (ii) an Integrated Programme for Older persons. Under scheme (i) above, grant-in-aid is being given upto Rs. 30.00 lakhs for construction of old age homes/multi-service centres. Under scheme (ii) above, grant-in-aid is given to voluntary organization for establishment and maintenance of old age homes, day care centres, mobile care units and non-institutional services for older persons.

(b) and (c) Grant-in-aid has been given to a voluntary organization called Indira Ladies Club for running an Old Age Home and a Day Care Centre in District Nahan in Himachal Pradesh under the scheme An Integrated Programme for Older Persons, as a result of which 75 older persons are benefiting. If any other eligible organization applies for such projects under this scheme the proposal can be considered subject to norms and availability of funds.

Release of Fund to MPSMS

†1147. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are provided by the Central Government to the Madhya Pradesh State Minorities Commission for monitoring the economic, social and educational development fof minorities and for removing their problems;

(b) if so, the details of the fund given; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Central Government does not provide fund/financial assistance to State Minorities Commission.

Schemes of Grant-in-aid to various social Organizations

1148. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes of Grant-in-aid available for various categories of social organisations and physically handicapped welfare organizations, alongwith details thereof;

(b) the total allocation for these schemes and guidelines thereof;

(c) the normal time taken for release of Grant-in-aid under these schemes; and

(d) how many such schemes are pending with Government; Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The schemes of Grant-in-aid available for various categories of social organizations and physically handicapped welfare organizations are indicated below:

	Name of the Scheme	Budget Allocation
1.	Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities.	62.29
2.	Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids/Appliances.	30.00
3.	Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drugs) Abuse.	19.00
4.	Grant-in-aid Programme for Assistance in the field of Social Defence.	1.01
5.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons.	10.00
6.	Assistance to Panchayati Raj/Voluntary Organizations/Self Help Group for Construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons.	2.39
7.	Integrated Programme for Street Children.	9.00
8.	Grant-in-aid Voluntary Organiations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes.	30.00
9.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Other Backward Classes.	2.50
10.	Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for the Other Backward Classes.	2.50
11.	Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria.	2.50